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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rexann Dubiel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not confirm Carlton Ching for DLNR head. He is a developer's poster boy. William Alia needs to keep that position.

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I know Carleton Ching both personally and professionally for over ten years. He is a man you can count on to do his job and do it well. He's been publicly criticized for working for a "developer" and many assume he wants to build on any available piece of land. However, Carleton has worked for an amazing land steward for several years. Castle & Cooke does not only develop land, they also preserve land, are invested in agriculture, and are proponents of renewable energy. Carleton has also worked for Molokai Ranch where he managed over 60,000 acres as well as with the community to protect Waiahole Valley.

Carleton is able to work with people and staff at all levels and will be a huge asset to DLNR.

Please give Carleton Ching favorable consideration for the important job of making the best decisions for our valuable land.

Thank you,  
Rhonda Biffle



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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rich Richardson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified to chair DLNR and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Decke	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not feel the nominee holds the values for the preservation of our natural resources, especially those of the coral reef.

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I do not support this nominee due to conflicts of interest.

Richard J Janik, MD

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/3/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Poirier	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair and Members, At this point in your deliberations, approving this nomination is clearly unfair to both we-the-people and Mr. Ching. At this point, anything that Mr. Ching would do on the job (good or bad) will be judged more with skepticism than merit. Voting NO will give us a chance to "do it right." Hawaii's citizens need better and the Governor can do better. Thank you. Dick Poirier Mililani resident 623-2259

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Rimer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not believe he is qualified to protect our natural resources as well as having a conflict of interest. Sincerely, Dr. Richard A. Rimer D.O.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
richard simon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr.Ching should not be confirmed. I believe there is a conflict of interest and the people of Hawaii need someone who has a background in protecting the resources, not exploiting them.

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## **CARLETON K. L. CHING**

### **Professional Summary:**

Implementation of goals and objectives to advance the mission and purpose of an organization.

### **Professional Experience:**

June 2003 to Present - Vice President, Community and Government Relations; Castle & Cooke Hawaii:

Community and government outreach to support Real Estate, Agricultural, and Renewable Energy initiatives of the organization; and engagement of legislative and policy formulation as a housing/business industry advocate.

August 2002 to June 2003 - Senior Project Manager, SSFM International: Administration of various consulting contracts with private and public clients in Hawaii, South Pacific, and Asia; and client cultivation.

July 1996 to July 2002 - Project Manager/Operations, Molokai Ranch - Resort and Operations Division:

Management of various operational departments involved in day to day hospitality functions, facility operations, and capital improvement projects, which also included Human Resources, Safety Program/Policy, and the creation and administration of a Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

January 1995 to June 1996 - Project Coordinator, Castle and Cooke Kunia: Housing production and coordination of Royal Kunia Master Plan residential components and other residential developments.

1990 to 1994 - Vice President - Pheasant Ridge Corporation, WESTLOCH, INC.

Zane Development Group, Inc.: Residential, commercial, and light industrial development, construction management, contract administration, and client cultivation.

1980 to 1990 - Housing Specialist II (Development Project Coordinator), State of Hawaii/Hawaii Housing Authority: Development Project Coordinator involved in residential development of affordable "for sale", rental, social, and public housing projects.

1976 to 1980 - Account Executive, Tropic Shores Realty, Ltd.: Condominium Account Executive/Property Manager involved in all aspects of fiscal and physical management of condominium associations.

### **Education:**

1. Business Administration, Boise State University (Idaho), 1975
2. Associated Arts - Columbia Basin Community College (Washington), 1973

### **Community and Business Organization Participation (voluntary):**

1. Land Use Research Foundation, Board Member
2. Pali Momi Hospital Board Member
3. Pacific Housing Assistance Corporation Board Member, Chairperson (FY13-14)
4. Hawaii Pacific University Trustee; Committee member: Strategic Planning; Governance
5. Building Industry Association- Board Member
6. Chamber of Commerce -Infrastructure, Transportation, Quality of Life Committee member
7. Hawaii Business Roundtable (HBR): Legislative Advisory Group member

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**PUBLIC TESTIMONY** For Senate Water and Land Committee on the matter of the nomination of Carleton Ching as DLNR Director, Wednesday March 11, 2015, Room 229.

Aloha Senators:

Please **OPPOSE** the nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. Several reasons to oppose the nomination are listed below.

Please consider a nominee such as attorney Robert Harris, who has a good record of service with the Hawaii Sierra Club, and a demonstrated interest in conserving our natural resources and Public Trust.

Mahalo,

Richard Spacer  
Kilauea, Kauai, HI 96754

#### **REASONS TO OPPOSE GM 514 – NOMINATION OF CARLETON CHING AS DLNR DIRECTOR**

\* If appointed as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Ching will also serve as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management, and head of the State Historic Preservation Division if not the State Historic Preservation Officer.

\* Mr. Ching is not qualified to serve in these important positions. He has no demonstrated expertise, professional or volunteer experience, or apparent interest in the protection and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, including rare and endangered species, habitats, watersheds, Hawaiian and historic sites, iwi kupuna and other burials, Native Hawaiian water rights, the Public Trust Doctrine, public shoreline access, mauka access trails, outdoor recreation, or any other programs under the DLNR.

\* Mr. Ching was not familiar with Castle & Cooke's position in the Waiahole Ditch matter (which was to oppose restoration of windward O'ahu streams in favor of continued diversion to central O'ahu, allegedly for ag while C&C petitioned the Land Use Commission to reclassify its ag lands to urban). He had no knowledge of the serious water issues on Maui, nor did he have a clue about the Public Trust Doctrine. He also has no experience administering a large organization with many employees, programs, and moving parts.

\* If Mr. Ching were applying for a top position in the private sector and knew as little about the corporation he wanted to lead as he does about the DLNR, there is no way he would be hired.

\* Mr. Ching does not appear to have the energy or enthusiasm to lead the DLNR, which is what we need and deserve at this critical time given climate change and the invasive species crises we face. Mr. Ching did not apply for the position and initially declined the nomination. He is currently on leave from Castle & Cooke.

\* Mr. Ching has been nominated by the Governor to do one thing: increase efficiency and generate funding within the DLNR – in short, run the department more like a business.

\* Many people and organizations have met with Mr. Ching and tried to keep an open mind. Most have come away from these meetings convinced more than ever he is not the right person to lead one of the most important departments in the state.

\* Mr. Ching's resume is attached. He has spent a good part of his career working for large land development companies, lobbying for them, and serving on the boards of their lobbyist organizations. These organizations are committed to free enterprise, treating land and water as a commodity, and dismantling land use regulations and policies that protect the public interest and public trust.

\* Mr. Ching's bias and perspectives are not aligned with the DLNR mission to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawai'i's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawai'i, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

\* Mr. Ching served on the board of directors of the BIA (Building Industry Association) for many years until ca. February 26, 2015, when his name no longer appeared on BIA letterhead used in testimony. One of the most controversial bills BIA supported was SB 1171 SD 1 (Act 85, 2013), which allows phased historic/archaeological reviews and surveys, which came about because of challenges to rail relating to iwi found along the proposed path of rail.



\* It is inappropriate for Mr. Ching – a long-standing BIA director – to serve as DLNR Director and BLNR Chair. The BIA not only opposes DLNR's mandates under historic preservation laws, but it also has no aloha or respect for the State Historic Preservation Division within the DLNR.

\* BIA is currently using the image below in one of its campaigns on historic properties. A similar image is on BIA's website on the banner at the top of the home page along with a petition (the banner changes, so give it time): <http://www.biahawaii.org/>. The image below was also used on postcards BIA passed out at home building expos and sent to BIA members.



\* Mr. Ching was also President, and he is now a Vice President of LURF (Land Use Research Foundation), which also represents large private landowners and developers. LURF and BIA have consistently lobbied on bills that are contrary to protecting the public interest and the public trust, including ceded lands, conservation lands, and water resources. LURF and its Executive Director were fined by the Ethics Commission recently for violating state lobbying laws over several years.

\* It is inappropriate for the former President and current Vice President of LURF, Carleton Ching, to serve as DLNR Director. Here is a sampling LURF's major accomplishments in weakening and attempting to dismantle environmental protection regulations:

1. LURF fought hard to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce critical habitat designations and mandated recovery areas.
2. LURF successfully lobbied to reduce requirements for developer applicant reviews by the State Historic Preservation Division of the DLNR.
3. LURF successfully lobbied to require the Hawai'i Department of Health to delete various protections involving Native Hawaiian rights, historic preservation, coastal zone management, and environmental impact reviews for stormwater runoff permits.
4. LURF actively opposed the requirement of landowners to provide lateral access along the coastline.
5. LURF has been extremely active in what has almost become an annual effort to weaken HRS Chapter 343 (the state EIS law).
6. LURF supported the ill-conceived PLDC (Public Land Development Corporation) and numerous other efforts to exempt various development projects from environmental, health, planning, and public interest laws now in place.

#### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The nomination of Mr. Ching will likely result in conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest relating to transit oriented development other land development in the state. For example, legislation this session proposes to use public funds, some dedicated to other purposes, to investigate potential land exchanges between the State and private landowners, Dole Food Company and Castle & Cooke, to build a new prison or expand the existing prison in Halawa, use conservation land for agriculture and watershed protection, and possible development by Dole/Castle and Cooke along the rail's path in Kalihi. Many other land exchanges and development projects along rail's path are in the works. DLNR will be expected to handle many of these matters, and it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to lead the DLNR in these matters.

#### MOVEON.ORG PETITION

Thousands of people have signed a MoveOn.org petition opposing the nomination: [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/do-not-confirm-developer.fb47?source=c.fb&r\\_by=1621974](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/do-not-confirm-developer.fb47?source=c.fb&r_by=1621974). There are 7,497 signatures as of today. ***Please sign the petition if you haven't already!***

#### MEDIA LINKS

Read why so many concerned citizens, organizations, and even the editorial boards of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser and Civil Beat oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as Director of DLNR. Please join us and submit testimony opposing GM 514. This one's important. Mahalo nui loa!

#### Kingdom Media Hawai'i

Video of the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i interview of Carleton Ching and Kekoa Kaluhiwa, February 26, 2015.

See for yourself why so many people are so underwhelmed with this nominee!

<http://new.livestream.com/accounts/311605/events/3843394>

#### **Civil Beat**

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/01/ige-taps-castle-cooke-lobbyist-to-lead-land-and-natural-resources-department/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/hawaii-monitor-iges-honeymoon-ended-with-his-nomination-of-carleton-ching/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/is-carleton-ching-the-man-to-protect-hawaiis-public-lands/>

<http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/02/governor-stands-behind-decision-to-nominate-ching-as-dlnr-director/>

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**GM514**

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Tilton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching has a clear conflict of interest and a demonstrated history of activities in conflict with the mission statement of the DLNR.

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Richard Wainscoat	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Testimony on GM514**

**by**

**Richard J Wainscoat**

**to**

**Committee on Water and Land**

**March 11, 2015**

Senator Thielen, Vice-Chair Galuteria, and members of the committee. I am opposed to the appointment of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I believe that Mr. Ching does not have the background or experience for this position. Instead, his background as a pro-development lobbyist appears to be polar opposite from the stated mission of DLNR to “Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii’s unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.”

I urge the committee and senate to reject this appointee, and to send a strong message to Governor Ige to appoint a person better suited to this critically important position.

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No to this appointment! It's wrong. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rita Husted Ryan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching doesn't know the laws and rules that govern our natural resources and has a conflict of interest. That's why I signed a petition to The Hawaii State Senate, which says: "Gov Ige has appointed a Castle & Cooke developer (lobbyist) to head the Hawaii Dept of Land and Natural Resources. This is putting the fox to guard the hen house. Do not confirm Carleton Ching."

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are writing this letter in support of Mr. Carleton Ching for the position of Chairperson of the Department of the Land and Natural Resources. My wife and I have known Carleton Ching for the past ten-plus years as personal friends, and myself being fellow alumni of Boise State University. We have always been impressed with Carleton's attributes, namely his integrity and honesty. He is a very positive person and looks at situations objectively and in a fair and professional manner. He has a compassion to "do the right thing," which sets him apart as a leader. He can be counted on to follow-through on his statements.

We believe that Carleton Ching will be an excellent steward to preserve the land and natural resources for the benefit of the people of Hawaii. We highly recommend Carleton Ching without reservation for Chairperson of the Department of the Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Roy and Rita Inouye, Mililani, HI 96789

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rob Bueller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. This testimony to count on the bill number GM514. After a career in PR for developers I can't see that Mr. Ching could possibly be the best man to be appointed to this very important position that should be looking out for all the people in Hawaii not in favor of the developers and their interests. This appointment would be a true conflict of interest if he's confirm. I plead with you to withdraw this nomination. V/r, Robert Bueller

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/27/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Fread	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I find this nomination to be an incredible insult to the people of Hawaii. This choice does not move our state forward. Instead, it maintains and perpetuates the status quo of corporate interests manipulating governmental bodies and processes in direct contradiction to the will of the people. The days of allowing cronyism and nepotism to be the standard are over. It is time to take a stand for integrity and transparency so that we can be proud of and have trust in both our elected officials and system of government. I strongly urge a NO vote on the confirmation of Mr. Ching..

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert J. Nerger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that Carlton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/5/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roberts Leinau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It is inappropriate for Mr. Ching – a long-standing BIA director – to serve as DLNR Director and BLNR Chair. The BIA not only opposes DLNR's mandates under historic preservation laws, but it also has no aloha or respect for the State Historic Preservation Division within the DLNR.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Myint	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The cliché, having the fox guard the hen house comes to mind - there definitely seems to be a conflict of interest in nominating someone of Mr. Ching's background for this specific position. As a daily user of the trails, beaches and green spaces, I oppose this choice by the governor. Thank you Robert Myint

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Okuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not qualified to uphold to value and purpose of DLNR.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/27/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dr. Robert Richmond	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While Mr. Ching has been described as personable and friendly by many, he is simply not qualified for the position of Chair of DLNR. This is a critical position for all residents of Hawaii, today and into the future, and placing such authority into the hands of a lobbyist for development interests would represent an abdication of responsibility for those empowered to represent the interests of the people of our state. Mr. Ching does not have the training, experience, knowledge and expertise in natural resource matters, and his appointment not only puts the future of Hawaii at risk, but damages our state government's credibility at the local, regional, national and international levels. There is no shortage of talented and qualified individuals in Hawaii, and it is incumbent upon our elected leaders to make choices that represent the interests of the broader community rather than a specific interest group.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert T. Martin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Mr. Chin's confirmation

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robet	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I worry that there is way too much conflict of interest involving Mr Ching to head an important office such as DLNR. The big developer lobby has permeated our gov't too much already. Thank you. PS. I also think this is a very bad way for Gov. Ige to start off his term. He has immediately lost a great deal of respect from most of us who truly care for the Aina.

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Aloha, I would like to endorse Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the DLNR. Yes, Mr. Ching is a businessman, and yes the DLNR is a business that needs to be run correctly. Since it is the largest entity of our Hawaii lands, we need a good business person to make sure it is not being neglected and that it is well taken care of. Mahalo, Robin Boolukos

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/4/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Kaye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Our State can -- needs to -- find a better, more qualified leader for this important agency. Please do NOT support the nomination of Mr. Ching to DLNR.

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## **What qualifications and experiences do we need in our next Director/Chair of DLNR?**

The Mission of DLNR is to:

*Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.*

To be an effective leader of the sprawling and critical Department of Land and Natural Resources, (DLNR) I believe s/he must have:

- a fundamental understanding of — and commitment to — DLNR's mission
- the ability to listen to competing/conflicting sides of an issue, to reach out and engage those who may disagree, and to then make fair decisions
- demonstrated experience in managing, conserving and protecting natural resources
- a historical perspective on — and fundamental commitment to — the nature of the “public trust” doctrine
- a recognition of the limits of the Department and the Chair (and thus the need for partnerships), and the ability to move towards those limits on behalf of the people and resources of Hawaii
- the ability to provide hope to the people of Hawaii nei that those resources most precious to this land will be protected
- experience with the management of a large bureaucracy, including the ability to supervise a large number of direct reports

It is not enough to be a nice person, or to have a good heart, or to be trustworthy. We should expect all our leaders to have these qualities.

I know Carleton Ching first-hand, having seen him in action lobbying for the Lana'i community to support David Murdock's Big Wind on Lana'i project. He did not work on uniting the community; he did not work on finding common ground among competing constituencies. He worked to secure community support for a project that ripped our community apart.

I met up with Carleton again recently, when we both attended a meeting on Maui with a concerned group of Maui residents. This was five weeks after Ching was offered the position, and he appeared to have done no homework whatsoever on the key natural resource issues facing Maui, particularly around water rights and access. But worse was his candid admittance that he had no experience — “never have” he said — either as a volunteer or in his profession, with conserving or protecting natural resources.

Perhaps the most telling issue to emerge at that Maui meeting was that with our natural resources already on a diminishing and continually-challenged downward spiral, waiting for Carleton to come up to speed on the issues surrounding their protection would take way too long; the resources DLRN are required to protect couldn't wait for Ching to climb such a steep learning curve.

And so, I am firmly and unalterably opposed to this nomination. Surely, in a state as diverse as Hawaii, and one so dependent on visitors who come here to enjoy our natural beauty, we can find a leader more experienced with — and more dedicated to protecting — our natural resources.

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**GM514**

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roger Bong	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair of DLNR because it is a conflict of interest and, to quote State Senator Josh Green "Mr. Ching is the wrong choice for Director of DLNR. He does not have the experience, background, or expertise to lead this department. He simply is not qualified for the job."

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Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Brown	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This person has a major problem with conflict of interest; please do not confirm.

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Aloha Senators,

The right person for the job would have a burning desire to preserve the land. An individual that is biased to developing the land is not going to give land preservation a high preference. Please do not nominate Carleton Ching to DLNR. Find someone that is more neutral.

Mahalo,

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronnie Perry	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly Oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching for the DLNR. The DLNR is suppose to protect our land and natural resources and with Mr. Chings background, it is highly likely that he will do this. Mahalo, Ronnie Perry

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rory Akau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Committee: Water and Land

Measure number: GM514

Date and time of hearing: Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 10:00 am, in conference room 229

Whether or not I will be testifying in person: no

Regarding: Carleton Ching

I am opposed to Mr. Ching being selected for DLNR as he is oriented toward developers so I don't think he can be objective regarding DLNR issues.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rowena Lincoln-Pettus	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roxanne Darling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I fully oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching to head DLNR. In several recent interviews he has demonstrated an utter lack of awareness of the role of DLNR and is utterly unqualified to head this department. He has diligently worked for commercial development and has no evidence of being a capable or caring steward of our state lands and water! I am disappointed Mr. Ige (for whom I voted) had not withdrawn the nomination. Please do what it takes to prevent giving him the keys to these precious state assets. Mahalo for listening.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy Alameida	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Governor Ige, I am asking that you reconsider your selected appointee as Chair of DLNR. I firmly believe that the candidate has a conflict of interest. Mahalo for your consideration. Malama pono, R. Alameida

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy N Morioka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Thielen and Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land: I write in strong support of Governor Ige's nominee Mr. Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I strongly believe that the business sector skills that Mr.Ching brings will help the Department and its many Divisions immensely toward organizing and executing their missions with greater transparency, efficiency and effectiveness. Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong support of Mr. Ching.  
Respectfully Yours, Roy N. Morioka

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Roy Shitanaka	Individual	Oppose	No

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Senate Water Land Committee  
Room 224, Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
Room 229

GM 514: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the  
Chairperson of the Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources  
and the Commission on Water Resource Management,  
Gubernatorial Nominee Carleton Ching for a term to 12-31-2018

Dear Chairperson Thielen and Committee Members:

I respectfully submit my personal letter of support for Carleton Ching to head the Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources. I believe he is qualified for the position, and he appears very interested in supporting the natural resource protection programs of the department.

Very truly yours,

/s/

RUSSELL Y. TSUJI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Saisamoa Grey Price	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/27/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sally kaye	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I absolutely, totally oppose this nomination. Ching has proven himself to be a developer's tool. I watched him in action on Lana`i promoting Big Wind - an ill-conceived disaster that his bosses wanted to build on DLNR-leased land, of nationally recognized historic and cultural value! His track record, unfortunately for us, presents a clear conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sally Waitt	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I implore you to NOT CONFIRM CARLTON CHING!! He has a strong conflict of interest that must prevent his confirmation. Please consider the needs of all of Hawaii---and especially Hawaii's children. We do not need a man who has only shown support for corporations and for himself!! Mahalo!!

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Samuel K. Kapoi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do NOT appoint him. Mahalo

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Moku	Individual	Support	No

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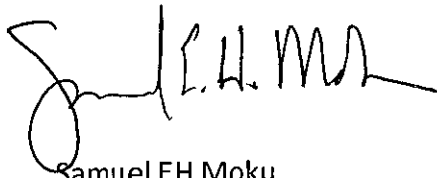
RE: GM 514 – Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Carleton Ching, Chairperson of the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources

Aloha Senator Thielen and Water Land committee members:

I am in full SUPPORT for the nomination of Carleton Ching as Chairperson for the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the State of Hawai'i. Carleton is resilient and personable but what I value the most is his high level of integrity and fairness. I believe he will be able to discern and make decisions based on what is in the best interest of the public and the states land trust. His years of experience at Castle & Cooke should be valued as a strength in understanding how developers think and do business. Carleton's understanding of development will help to maximize revenue for the state through existing and future developments. His experience will also aid in balancing the need for green space, agricultural lands, and protecting our delicate ecosystem. Carleton's character and experience will prove to be a benefit for the State of Hawaii and for the protection of 'Āina o Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samuel EH Moku'. The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'S' and a distinct 'M'.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sandra Herndon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is NOT qualified nor APPROPRIATE to head DLNR. His background in land development should in and of itself, disqualify him from any position that requires unbiased decisions or independent critical thinking in regard to the environment. His role in promoting in Act 55 and PLDC is contrary to a commitment to stewardship of the `aina!

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**GM514**

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Sandra Riebow	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He us unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sara Tekula	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Aloha Senators,

My name is Sara Tekula, and I am a longtime Maui resident, mother, college instructor, business owner, and land steward.

A couple of weeks ago, my friends, colleagues, fellow community members and I had the opportunity to meet with Carleton Ching to discuss his nomination.

We all had the exact same reaction: we are CERTAIN that Mr. Ching is the wrong choice for Director of DLNR.

He does not have the experience, background, or expertise to lead this department. HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT THE DNLR DID. He simply is not qualified for the job.

In addition, his work with Castle & Cooke, and his history of testifying on behalf of the interests of private land developers appears to be a conflict of interest.

At this time in our islands' history, it is IMPERATIVE that someone take this role who understands the importance of careful, wise stewardship of the few precious resources we have.

State land and water resources are part of the public trust, and we need a DNLR Director that understands this.

Please listen to the community and reject Governor Ige's nomination. There are many others who are much more qualified for the job.

Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sarah smith	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching has a conflict of interest and is unqualified for the job .

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**GM514**

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Sarah Tamashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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I, like many other young adults born and raised in Hawaii, spent our college years on the continent. Leaving home was bittersweet, a combination of the excitement to learn and gain more in a new land to explore but at the cost of leaving our families and the comfort of our island.

When we return for breaks, we are instantly greeted by the mountains and the ocean. More often than not, we return with a new and intense appreciation for the natural world that had been missing from our lives while away from school. We spend a good amount of our time outside so that we can recharge before another seemingly long semester.

This is how young people in Hawaii find a new appreciation for Hawaii's environment. It's these types of experiences that make us want to fight to keep this part of the Hawaii that we are familiar with as unchanging as we can. It's those moments inside that make young people like me oppose the confirmation of Mr. Ching. How can a pro-developer understand the intimate relationship that we have with nature? How can a pro-developer protect the natural resources and allocate them properly? The confirmation of Mr. Ching represents the state's decision that development is the sole answer to all of Hawaii's problems. It is not.

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Saturnino Pimentel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: GM514 I Oppose it / Unqualified

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Bowling	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Ching's nomination. He is unqualified and has a clear conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Crawford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While Mr. Ching is no doubt a nice person, he is not qualified to serve in this most important position overseeing all of our state lands, fresh water and ocean resources. Please reject this nomination and encourage the governor to submit a qualified nominee. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Mason	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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I appose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR he clearly does not have the best intentions for Hawaii and its people. To put a land developer in this position is irresponsible at best and everyone involved should be looked at closely. Hawaii's government needs to move away from these old ways of putting the wrong people in the wrong places and look towards making wiser decisions if we are to move forward as a state of the union.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sean mcclellan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and there is a conflict of interest. I would not like Ching as chair of the DLNR

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Submitted on: 2/23/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Wilbur	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Another underqualified individual with a conflict of interest being appointed to state environmental agency. Please learn from past mistakes (Aquarium collector appointee, etc.) and oversight with past molasses spill, oil spill, etc. As a marine biologist this just disgusts me.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Serafina Gajate	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Aloha, I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as chair of DLNR. For someone with a long and well known track record as a career lobbyist for developers, seeking to overturn environmental and cultural protections at every turn against the explicit wishes of the people to be nominated to such a position is the very definition of "conflict of interest", and at the worse a clear red flag of where Gov. Ige's loyalties truly lie. I agree with Sen. Josh Green and support his call to withdraw this nomination of Carleton Ching as chair of DLNR. Na'u, Serafina Gajate

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seri Niimi-Burch	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha,

As a Hawaii citizen concerned about the fate of our valuable natural resources and the integrity of our Aina, I ask that you do not confirm Carleton Ching as head of dlnr. I believe he has a serious conflict of interest that will inhibit him from adequately performing his duties in that position.

Mahalo,

Seri Niimi-burch  
Waimea, Hi

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaelene Kamakaala	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Albritton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination as head of DLNR on the grounds that he is unqualified for such a position, and that he has a clear conflict of interest as a long time developer.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Rumsey	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair DLNR. He lacks the basic qualifications for the position thereby putting Hawaii's resources at risk. I strongly urge you to reject his nomination.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shanna Grafeld	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Paapanen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please DO NOT confirm Carleton Ching as DLNR Chairperson. He has no experience in natural resource management. His experience is in private real estate development. State lands are a public trust, and the person in charge of this department should be someone who has shown, through their actions and experience, that they understand and care for this public trust.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE. If this is the 'honeymoon', I want a divorce. I'm sure Mr. ching is a real nice guy, however, I do not think he is qualified to head the DLNR. What's more, I'm appalled at this nomination. Thousands and thousands of Hawai'i residents have spent decades of their time attending thousands of meetings to make sure our environment receives the protections it deserves. It is infuriating that all of this work could be turned upside-down, overnight by confirming Carleton Ching. Don't do it.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sharon Coburn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly object to this nomination! The DLNR should not be managed by developers, but by those with respect for the Aina!

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Oppose Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair. There is a glaring conflict of interests, and positions like these need people who are not motivated by self interest (Pay back to the developers whose money got him elected), but by a deep caring for the environment and how critical it is to protect the very thing that gives us life!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sharon willeford	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Not a good idea - a developer. We need to STOP developing and start growing food! OPPOSE CARLETON CHING TO HEAD DEPT. of LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheila Okin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: It will be difficult for Mr. Ching to be impartial when he has represented developers.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shelley Muneoka	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, My name is Shelley Muneoka and I'm writing in strong opposition to GM 514, which recommends Carleton Ching to head DLNR--a wholly inappropriate appointment given his professional background. Mr. Ching is clearly aligned with development interests in Hawai'i, having worked for Castle and Cooke and as a paid lobbyist for the Land Use Research Foundation which describes itself as "the only Hawai'i based organization devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of the development community, particularly in the areas of land use laws, regulations, and public policy." How can we reasonably expect him to protect our natural and cultural resources when much of his professional life was spent looking for loopholes and ways to circumvent existing laws. Are we to expect that he will be able to say 'no' to the many friends and business associates he's made over the years, with whom he worked to forward land development in Hawai'i? I think even with the best intentions, it is unrealistic to think Mr. Ching will be able to shed his prior affiliations and operate neutrally. In fact, I contend that he should not be neutral and instead be a strong advocate for the protection of wahi pana and all the plants, animals, iwi kupuna and other cultural resources that dwell within. Mr. Ching has no substantial experience with resource management and is not right for this powerful position. As a kanaka maoli, I have serious concerns about the health and well-being of the sacred places and resources that make Hawai'i, Hawai'i. Please oppose this nomination. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Aloha

I am writing to state my strong opposition to the nomination of Carleton Ching to become the director of DLNR. This position requires someone with experience, knowledge, and a strong commitment to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources. Mr. Ching's background makes it immensely obvious that he lacks the qualifications and experience and is an extremely inappropriate candidate for this position. Please do the right thing and oppose this nomination.

Respectfully,  
Sherry Pollack  
Ahuimnau



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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/2/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
shirley Bly	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Has a conflict of interest. Do not confirm.

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**GM514**

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Shiyana Thenabadu	Individual	Oppose	No

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I oppose the nomination of former Castle and Cooke lobbyist, Carleton Ching, to head the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources. No former lobbyist should be appointed to head a state department when there could be a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Ching may have a "good heart," but appearances and past relationships do matter. Are there no other qualified candidates to lead the DLNR? I think there are plenty. Our 'aina is too precious to take a chance on a former lobbyist for one of the largest developers in the state. Please ask Gov. Ige to find another candidate with no conflict of interest and practice good government by listening to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for your time,

Shiyana Thenabadu

Kailua, HI  
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**GM514**

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
son geiger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: In my opinion Carleton Ching is not qualified for this job.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sonia R. Martinez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I emphatically oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair as I do not feel he is the right person for this position. Mahalo

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Senator Laura Thielen

Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, 03-11-15 10:00AM in Conference Room 229.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I very much believe that Carleton has the experience, skills, management style, desire, and dedication to be an effective steward of Hawaii's unique natural, cultural, and historic resources. Carleton has the ability to work collaboratively with diverse individuals and groups to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner, which is key to the role being considered. He is also trustworthy and respectful of others, even when there are disagreements and conflicting opinions.

Carleton is willing and able to devote the time and energy to responsibly implement the mission of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully,

Son-Jai Paik

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/19/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sophia bowart	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Subject:** Please do not confirm Carleton Ching as director of DLNR  
2/20/2015

**From:** Sophia Bowart, Resident of Hawaii County

I am writing this to urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as the Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. **Neither Mr. Ching nor the Governor's office has provided any objective indication that Mr. Ching has the sense of responsibility and capacity to chair such an important department.**

DLNR has a tremendous kuleana to administer and manage our natural and cultural resources, from our fisheries to our streams and aquifers to our watersheds and sacred historic sites. As you know if appointed Mr. Ching would also be the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management and the State's Historic Preservation Officer, making this appointment one of the most important for Native Hawaiians. Maintaining and caring for these resources is one of the most important functions of the state, it is the foundation of our island economy and our very way of life.

Wai: Nothing about Mr. Ching's history reflects that he has the background to manage and administering our freshwater resources for the public, a responsibility more critical now than ever before, with the increasing impacts of climate change, vanishing trade winds and a growing state population **we are seeing our water resources decline at even more rapid pace. We don't have time to wait to make critical and hard decisions.**

Historic Preservation: The State Historic Preservation Officer bears the enormous responsibility of managing the preservation of Hawai'i's historic structures, places, and iwi kūpuna, and ensuring continued federal funding for preservation. We should be trying to find the most qualified candidate to serve. Unfortunately Mr. Ching sits on the Board of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii and the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, both of which have aggressively promoted the dismantling of Hawaii's laws that protect historic sites and iwi. **Gutting SHPD would literally end any and all protection of our cultural resources here in Hawai'i.**

'Aina: The DLNR manages about 1.3 million acres of lands, mostly "ceded" lands, largely conservation and agricultural lands. They also manage 750 miles of coastline. His past history does not reflect the type of leadership needed to ensure that we think about the needs to maintain these lands and the abundance of its resources for future generations and for the benefit of the public, not profit.

With such a long tenure of close affiliation with organizations that actively advocate against legal protections for our natural and cultural resources,

opportunities for community input into land use decisions, Mr. Ching has, unfortunately, demonstrated a less than respectful perspective towards the laws that strike a balance between the rights and interests of the public, and those of private, for-profit interests.

**As a member of the Senate Water and Land Committee, you play a critical and independent role and we hope that you will head the cries of our people and ensure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources Chair has the leadership skills and values necessary to carry out such a monumental responsibility.**

Mahalo,

Sophia Bowart  
Hawi, Hawaii

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Dear Chair Thielen,

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy DiPilato  
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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacy Kennedy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Unqualified for the position and a major conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stacy vosberg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is not qualified and clearly has no respect for the citizens or cares about anyone else

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/25/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
STANLEY RUIDAS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Austin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do not support Carlton Ching as head if the DLNR: he is NOT qualified to be the steward of our precious land and resources. To the contrary.

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No Ching for the DLNR...we need to save what is left, not sell it away



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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/5/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephanie Yelenik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to chair of DLNR. He is unqualified and has a large conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Fox	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**Stephen Fox, PhD**  
**Wailuku Maui**

Dear Hawaii Legislature,

Governor Ige's choice of Castle & Cooke exec Carlton Ching to head the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) would be a terrible mistake. Ching is registered as a lobbyist for developer Castle & Cooke, and placing him in control of the agency responsible for oversight of development shows a stunning level of favoritism for development. A petition immediately began circulating on MoveOn.org in protest. Politicians who support this appointment may regret it in the next election.

Governor Abercrombie made a similar early misstep when he supported establishment of the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC) in 2011, supposedly as a vehicle to help generate funds for the ailing DLNR.

The language used in Act 55 authorizing the PLDC gave its board broad powers to circumvent established due process in Hawaii land decisions. This placed lands with massive historic, scenic and cultural value available for development at the PLDC's whim, and drastically weakened processes of environmental review and public input. The PLDC was so unpopular that Gov. Abercrombie was forced to repeal the act less than two years later. Ching is a lobbyist who has worked tirelessly for weakening of regulations via the PLDC and other measures. Gov. Ige has again placed protection of Hawaii's lands in the hands of those most motivated to profit from their development.

What both men seem not to realize is that, while Hawaii's Democratic Party does benefit from support of construction and hotel industries, environmental and conservation groups hold enormous sway. Malama 'āina is more than a cool bumper sticker slogan; the maxim is buried deep in the psyche of the people here.

This was most recently demonstrated by the victory of Maui's GMO moratorium initiative. Environmentalist groups spent around \$60,000 on their campaign, compared to at least \$6 million spent by Monsanto and their fellow agro-chemical companies. If nothing else, this should show Gov. Ige and our legislators that while they may have gotten campaign dollars from developers, money alone cannot overcome grass roots opposition to those who would poison the 'āina—whether with chemicals or over-development.

Gov. Ige is alienating a large segment of his base at a time when he should be establishing positive feelings around the state. His primary victory over Gov. Abercrombie last Fall showed, more than anything, how deeply unpopular Abercrombie had become. Gov. Abercrombie's base began to erode swiftly during the fight to repeal the PLDC. His support of the pro-development corporation splintered the shaky coalition that brought him to victory.

Between the burgeoning digital communities dedicated to holding government and the private sector accountable, and the good old coconut wireless word-of-mouth tradition in

**Stephen Fox, PhD**  
**Wailuku Maui**

the islands, politicians simply cannot fool all of the people all of the time. And memories are long in Hawaii.

Take care of this 'āina, Governor and legislators. The people are watching.  
Aloha,  
Stephen Fox

March 06, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, 03-11-15 10:00AM in Conference Room 229.

**Re: GM514** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Mr. Ching is well qualified to represent the people of Hawaii and I am in support of his confirmation. Mr. Ching's professional background in both private corporate management and State Government provides him with the experience to ably handle the many challenges envisioned as Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Mr. Ching's impressive professional and volunteer experience is proven track that he can responsibly work with all groups of people that he will encounter in this position. I believe Mr. Ching has the ability to work collaboratively with diverse individuals and groups to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Stephen H. Onaga  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

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**GM514**

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Stephen Kelly	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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March 9, 2015

The Honorable Laura H. Thielen  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

GM514 – Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee Carleton Ching  
March 11, 2015 State Capitol Conference Room 229

Chair Thielen, Vice Chairman Galuteria and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony in strong support of Mr. Carleton Ching's nomination to serve as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR"). Mr. Ching will bring a wealth of knowledge, a diversity of experience and strong leadership and character qualities to the Department charged with managing the State of Hawaii's vast land, natural and cultural resources. His experience in both public and private real estate sectors is particularly well suited to effectively lead DLNR. These same qualities will provide a unique perspective in first, protecting the public good, while also striving to enhance the department's operational efficiency. Both are critical for the State's economic vitality.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Ching has been broadly characterized as ill-suited to be confirmed because of having worked in the field of real estate development. Extensive experience in real estate management and interfacing with all levels of communities and government on related issues should be primary qualifications for a DLNR Chair. I also feel it's incorrect to question Mr. Ching's level of expertise based selective sound bites in the various forums he has participated in since his nomination was announced. The questionnaire and hearing by this Committee and the answers Mr. Ching provides is a more appropriate measure of his expertise and vision for the Department.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Kelly", with a stylized, cursive script.

Steve Kelly

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stephen Luksic	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do you really believe the citizens are stupid enough to accept this? Wait, I see your argument. I don't believe this is the optimal path for the future of Hawaii. I will have to protest until a better choice is presented. Thank you for your time, Stephen Luksic and Family

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Carleton Ching must not be confirmed as head of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources!

Stephen S. Norris aka Kaleopono  
Opi‘ihale, Moku ‘O Hawai‘i

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sterling Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Do not confirm Carleton Ching. As a developer, he is not fit to serve as head of the DLNR.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Kastner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I believe Carleton Ching should not be our DLNR Chair for so many reasons, much too much conflict of interest and none of it to protect our Natural Resources, of which this seat is so important.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Lin	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I oppose the nomination because Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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To all concerned

I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching. His interests are counterproductive to keeping these beautiful islands as they should be, without massive growth, that can not be supported by infrastructure. As someone who has loved Kauai for nearly 40 years, I have no desire to see it ruined.

Mr. Ching does not simply work for one of Hawaii's largest real estate developers but his professional career has to a great extent been focused on actively working to eliminate or weaken regulations intended to protect all that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is supposed to manage and protect.

As a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA) he serves in an influential leadership position in the effort to dismantle key elements now in place to protect public trust resources.

His job at many levels over the past decade is/was to influence changes in public policy to increase the profitability of development interests via the diminishment of environmental, health, cultural and public land protections.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards, Steve and Linda O'Neill

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hello,

I oppose the appointment of Mr. Ching.

I am a thirty year resident of the Big Island, and I want someone at DLNR without the clear conflicts of interest that he has.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Steve Ward

Kailua Kona, HI

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) because of his lack of experience in managing natural resources and complex institutions.

He has a history of supporting and even volunteering in organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the DLNR. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission are contradictory to his own values, and the values of the DLNR!

Senators, please be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help to protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sunny Massad, Ph.D.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Antonio	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shaun Campbell	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I strongly oppose Bill GM514. Carlton Ching is unqualified and presents a conflict of interest with this appointment. Respectfully, Shaun Campbell Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Coan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am concerned that Mr. Ching has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Douglas	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

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Susan Frey	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Mitnik	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose Bill GM514 because Carleton Ching is unqualified to chair DLNR. He also has a conflict of interest.

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Dear Committee Members,

While Mr. Ching is an intelligent man, he is the wrong choice for Chair of the DLNR. The DLNR is charged with protecting and enhancing our natural resources. Mr. Ching is dedicated to ignoring the public interest in favor of private money interests.

We need someone who will be an advocate of the people's rights to the public lands in Hawaii.

Please vote not to confirm Carleton Ching.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Susan

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**GM514**

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Susan Vickery	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Case	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Suzanne Kashiwaeda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am greatly concerned & oppose the nomination of Carlton Ching as DLNR Director. The mission of DLNR is to protect our natural resources and Mr. Ching's career focus has been to support development at the expense of our environment. I trust you will also see that his nomination is akin to allowing a fox into the hen house. We are an island community with limited water and land resources. We need someone more appropriate who has the commitment and experience to protect our island home. Please reject Gov. Ige's nomination of Carlton Ching as DLNR Director.

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Senator Laura Thielen  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, 03-11-15 10:00 AM in Conference Room 229.

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

- Carleton has the experience, skills, management style, desire, and dedication to be an effective steward of Hawaii's unique natural, cultural, and historic resources;
- Carleton's professional background in both private corporate management and State Government provides him with the experience to ably handle the many challenges envisioned as Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources;
- Carleton has the ability to work collaboratively with diverse individuals and groups to resolve conflicts in a fair and equitable manner;
- Carleton is trustworthy and respectful of others, even when there are disagreements and conflicting opinions;
- Carleton is committed to enhance, protect, conserve, and manage our precious land and natural resources for all of our children, our mo'opuna, our future, while respecting and honoring our Hawaiian culture;
- Carleton is willing and able to devote the time and energy to responsibly implement the mission of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Swami Om	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I oppose Carleton Ching to head dept of land & natural resources

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sylvia Partridge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching has extreme conflict of interest and is therefore unqualified to chair the DLNR. It is very important to me and many others I know that people who head departments be open to supporting and defending the interests of ordinary citizens and the environment that we all live in rather than imposing corporate interests on us all, as happens all too often. Thanks for your consideration of this point of view.

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Dear Senators,

Please do NOT confirm Governor Ige's choice of Carleton Ching to head the DLNR. It is apparent that Mr. Ching does not have the support from the 20+ Hawaiian, progressive, and conservation organizations that have demanded Governor Ige to rescind his selection. As a major developer for commercial properties it is doubtful that Mr. Ching has the sensibility to protect our aina.

Thank you.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taimiroa Pajimola	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unfit for any position that has to do with our land. It's crazy how much we must fight our elected and appointed officials for rights to our children's safety against pesticides and preserving our limited natural resources. If you folks can't see the clear conflict of interest here it will be a sad day for humanity as we know it. Not even our "leaders" can remain unbought, unbound, and unintimidated to stand up for righteousness and the people they have sworn to protect.

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To All Concerned:

As a public servant at DLNR for 27 years I am upset that someone so lacking in their professional credentials and personal commitment to our mission could, in all seriousness, be nominated to lead our organization. This committee has the opportunity to honor the women and men who have dedicated their careers to the pursuit of protecting and conserving the natural resources of Hawaii, by providing the governor another opportunity at making a better informed choice of his nominee for Chairperson of DLNR. Please vote NO on the confirmation of Carleton Ching.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamara Paltin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I must oppose Carleton Ching's nomination to Chairperson of DLNR. I had the opportunity to meet with him and ask a few questions and he seems to be a nice, genuine man with good intentions but for the scope of this job that is not enough. DLNR has so many challenges and covers land/ocean issues of which Mr Ching has no knowledge or experience of what he is up against he is not familiar with the state water code or what his role will be on CWRM. Ask him a few questions on controversial issues he has no idea about them - the learning curve is too steep for this important position please hold out for someone with better qualifications. Please do not confirm Carleton Ching suggest Randy Awo 27 yrs in DOCARE retired, fair knows what DLNR needs.

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Aloha,

I am a voting resident of Kilauea. I would not like to see someone with a background in development and real estate in charge of protecting our natural resources. I do not believe he is the right man for this job.

Thank you,

Tammy Davis  
4591 Kuawa Rd.  
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you are useful to the people around you, and you feel love for all  
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- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar**

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tane nengel	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Conflict of interest

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tangela Kassler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This Carleton Ching is unqualified for the position of the head of the DLNR and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tasia yamamura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is not qualified to serve as chair of dlnc. It is a conflict of interest to have someone who is a developer to be able to control what happens to our `aina.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa Sugg	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i oppose Carleton Ching as Chair of DLNR. He is the wrong person for the job due to conflict of interest.

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I am **opposed** to the nomination of Carleton Ching to head DLNR. Now is the time to appoint a leader whose vision is to protect and enhance our natural resources, not develop and exploit them. Given Mr. Ching's past record, it is clear that his vision is one of development and exploitation of natural resources. We are in a time of crisis. Our Ag lands are being developed, our beaches are eroding, our corals are dying and fish stocks declining. Our youth are disillusioned by a political process they perceive as corrupt. If Carleton Ching's nomination is approved, you will have failed our youth, and allowed our precious and limited natural resources to fall into the hands of a proven exploiter of natural resources. Please do **not** approve the nomination of Carleton Ching.

Sincerely,

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**GM514**

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Teri Corpuz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teri Heede	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please DO NOT confirm Carleton Ching.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Kekoolani	Individual	Oppose	No

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Galpin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To whom it may concern, I am certain Mr Ching is a nice man, however he lacks the experience and I feel it is a clear conflict of interest given his past work with Castle and Cooke. Please do not confirm him. Mahalo nui Terry Galpin

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terry Pennington	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please find attached my letter of support for the confirmation of Carleton Ching. Mahalo, Terry Pennington

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**TERRY B. PENNINGTON**  
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The Honorable Laura H. Thielen  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 231  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Dear Chair and Committee members;

I am writing in support of Carleton K. L. Ching's nomination as Chairperson of the Hawai'i State Department of Land and Natural Resources.

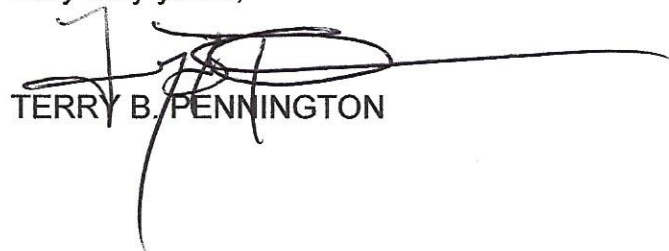
I have had the opportunity to meet and listen to Mr. Ching him speak about his experiences as an island youth, his education, his formal years, his work, his family and his visions. He has impressed me with what I feel are his genuine and heartfelt concerns and commitments to the people and the State of Hawaii.

This position is as you know our chief steward of the land, and will require the character of experience, knowledge, evenhandedness, fairness, balance, a good ear, integrity, devotion and sacrifice, the last of which to say the least. These are qualities I saw in this man as well as a deep desire to do the right thing. This is what we should be looking for.

Although much is being made about Carleton's employment with Castle and Cooke, the issue actually escapes me. There are so many who have had far less knowledge and experience and who we have bestowed our trust in, only to be disappointed. We should take advantage of an honest man who is will to sacrifice and serve and give us the benefit of his experience and work.

Carleton, as far as I can see has worked diligently, fairly and honestly to do his job, which is what we expect and deserve. Inasmuch, I urge you to recommend the confirmation of Mr. Ching for the benefit of the people of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,

  
TERRY B. PENNINGTON

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/19/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Brennon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I do not believe that some one with his lack of experience should be in charge of DLNR. It's about resources and he needs to Malama. It difficult to malama if one lacks knowledge and heart.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Gibson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas TinHan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching's close association with land development interests represents a grave conflict of interest for the State of Hawai'i, one which cannot be reasonably expected to benefit the interests of the State nor its citizens.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/6/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thomas Travis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Mr. Ching is not qualified to head the DLNR, regardless of his relationship with the Governor, his talents as a land developer, or his wonderful personality.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tia pearson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching has a conflict of interest besides being unqualified.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/26/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiare Lawrence	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: He is unqualified and has a conflict of interest!

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/5/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tiffany Hervey	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: There is nothing about being vice president of community and government relations and lobbyist for leading developer/landowner Castle & Cooke, that qualifies Ching to even begin to understand the complexity, necessity and severity of the responsibility for protecting the state's natural resources. Ching has been active in efforts to diminish both regulatory burdens for developers and environmental safeguards. Hawaii needs a DLNR leader who has a proven record of fighting to protect and preserve our natural and cultural resources, not a career lobbyist for the development industry who has a record of calling for the elimination of cultural and environmental protections. He is simply ill-equipped for this job and it would be wildly irresponsible and corrupt to appoint him to this position.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim Bowden	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carelton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Aloha.

Please do not appoint Carleton Ching to the DLNR. He has proven himself as a lobbyist for some of Hawaii's largest developers and has done nothing to protect our aina.

Mahalo e Aloha ke Akua, Tim DeLaVega

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Please **do NOT** confirm Mr. Ching, a realtor who has fought for commercial use of public lands for financial gain, as head of Director of Department of Land and Natural Resources. This would be a bad move for the Hawaiian people and our precious & priceless natural lands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tim T Taylor	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: You don't put the fox in charge of the hen-house. You should have learned by now that these are the kinds of people that through big money lobbying are slowing paving paradise for the almighty dollar. Not only no but HELL NO, save what little aina we have left from developers.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Timothy Sean Payne Hills	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please find a more viable candidate for this position as Mr. Carelton Ching has such obvious conflict of interest issues.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Grandinetti	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the appointment of Carleton Ching. He is not qualified, and he has a direct conflict of interest with the intent and mission of the DLNR.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/2/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Owens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I very strongly oppose the confirmation of Carleton China as the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Recent interviews with him have shown him to be completely unqualified for this position. First of all, we need someone with a history and deep knowledge of caring for these islands and their surrounding ocean habitats. The work of thousands of volunteers around the islands to save and protect the beauty of their home can be set aside by the person in the position he has been chosen for. He clearly does not have the understanding or the vision to properly carry out the duties and responsibilities. We must have someone with a conservation background, and preferably a scientist, not just a political appointee. Please do not confirm Mr. Ching. Tina Owens

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tina Wildberger	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Horrible choice! Really!

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I have submitted testimony before on this same issue but i just received a very detailed email about why C Ching shouldn't be director of DLNR from Marjorie Ziegler, who I had the pleasure to work with (volunteer) for the Conservation Council for Hawaii from 2003-04. I have also lectured at Uni New South Wales (Sydney Australia) part time for 8 years on the Environment. So I want to amend my earlier testimony and have this one stand. Mahalo Tlaloc Tokuda

Here are the following reasons why Mr Ching should not be director for the DLNR

\* If appointed as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Mr. Ching will also serve as Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management, and head of the State Historic Preservation Division if not the State Historic Preservation Officer.

\* Mr. Ching is not qualified to serve in these important positions. He has no demonstrated expertise, professional or volunteer experience, or apparent interest in the protection and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources, including rare and endangered species, habitats, watersheds, Hawaiian and historic sites, iwi kupuna and other burials, Native Hawaiian water rights, the Public Trust Doctrine, public shoreline access, mauka access trails, outdoor recreation, or any other programs under the DLNR.

\* Mr. Ching was not familiar with Castle & Cooke's position in the Waiahole Ditch matter (which was to oppose restoration of windward O'ahu streams in favor of continued diversion to central O'ahu, allegedly for ag while C&C petitioned the Land Use Commission to reclassify its ag lands to urban). He had no knowledge of the serious water issues on Maui, nor did he have a clue about the Public Trust Doctrine. He also has no experience administering a large organization with many employees, programs, and moving parts.

\* If Mr. Ching were applying for a top position in the private sector and knew as little about the corporation he wanted to lead as he does about the DLNR, there is no way he would be hired.

\* Mr. Ching does not appear to have the energy or enthusiasm to lead the DLNR, which is what we need and deserve at this critical time given climate change and the invasive species crises we face. Mr. Ching did not apply for the position and initially declined the nomination. He is currently on leave from Castle & Cooke.

\* Mr. Ching has been nominated by the Governor to do one thing: increase efficiency and generate funding within the DLNR – in short, run the department more like a business.

\* Many people and organizations have met with Mr. Ching and tried to keep an open mind. Most have come away from these meetings convinced more than ever he is not the right person to lead one of the most important departments in the state.

\* Mr. Ching's resume is attached. He has spent a good part of his career working for large land development companies, lobbying for them, and serving on the boards of their lobbyist organizations. These organizations are committed to free enterprise, treating land and water as a commodity, and dismantling land use regulations and policies that protect the public interest and public trust.

\* Mr. Ching's bias and perspectives are not aligned with the DLNR mission to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

\* Mr. Ching served on the board of directors of the BIA (Building Industry Association) for many years until ca. February 26, 2015, when his name no longer appeared on BIA letterhead used in testimony. One of the most controversial bills BIA supported was SB 1171 SD 1 (Act 85, 2013), which allows phased historic/archaeological reviews and surveys, which came about because of challenges to rail relating to iwi found along the proposed path of rail.

\* It is inappropriate for Mr. Ching – a long-standing BIA director – to serve as DLNR Director and BLNR Chair. The BIA not only opposes DLNR's mandates under historic preservation laws, but it also has no aloha or respect for the State Historic Preservation Division within the DLNR.

\* BIA is currently using the image below in one of its campaigns on historic properties. A similar image is on BIA's website on the banner at the top of the home page along with a petition (the banner changes, so give it time): <http://www.biahawaii.org/>. The image below was also used on postcards BIA passed out at home building expos and sent to BIA members.



\* Mr. Ching was also President, and he is now a Vice President of LURF (Land Use Research Foundation), which also represents large private landowners and developers. LURF and BIA have consistently lobbied on bills that are contrary to protecting the public interest and the public trust, including ceded lands, conservation lands, and water resources. LURF and its Executive Director were fined by the Ethics Commission recently for violating state lobbying laws over several years.

\* It is inappropriate for the former President and current Vice President of LURF, Carleton Ching, to serve as DLNR Director. Here is a sampling LURF's major accomplishments in weakening and attempting to dismantle environmental protection regulations:

1. LURF fought hard to convince the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce critical habitat

designations and mandated recovery areas.

2. LURF successfully lobbied to reduce requirements for developer applicant reviews by the State Historic Preservation Division of the DLNR.

3. LURF successfully lobbied to require the Hawai'i Department of Health to delete various protections involving Native Hawaiian rights, historic preservation, coastal zone management, and environmental impact reviews for stormwater runoff permits.

4. LURF actively opposed the requirement of landowners to provide lateral access along the coastline.

5. LURF has been extremely active in what has almost become an annual effort to weaken HRS Chapter 343 (the state EIS law).

6. LURF supported the ill-conceived PLDC (Public Land Development Corporation) and numerous other efforts to exempt various development projects from environmental, health, planning, and public interest laws now in place.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The nomination of Mr. Ching will likely result in conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest relating to transit oriented development other land development in the state. For example, legislation this session proposes to use public funds, some dedicated to other purposes, to investigate potential land exchanges between the State and private landowners, Dole Food Company and Castle & Cooke, to build a new prison or expand the existing prison in Halawa, use conservation land for agriculture and watershed protection, and possible development by Dole/Castle and Cooke along the rail's path in Kalihi. Many other land exchanges and development projects along rail's path are in the works. DLNR will be expected to handle many of these matters, and it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to lead the DLNR in these matters.

The documentation on this is on Marjorie's email and testimony.

Senator Inouye i live in your district and voted for you and hope you oppose Chings appointment! mahalo tlaloc tokuda



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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/7/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support Carleton Ching for DLNR director. He was instrumental in passing Koa Ridge, which is an area I hope to live someday. I think he would do a good job in managing the state resources. Thank you.

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I strongly oppose Carleton Ching to head the department of land and natural resources. We the people of Hawaii need a person who will protect the environment and precious land and resources. Not big developers. Please do not appointment this man.

Strong regard,  
Toddy Merrill

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/5/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Eisen	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There is no need to reiterate the numerous reasons why this candidate is not qualified to fill the position of head of DLNR, but let me just emphasize these points: \* Mr. Ching does not appear to have the energy or enthusiasm to lead the DLNR, which is what we need and deserve at this critical time given climate change and the invasive species crises we face. Mr. Ching did not apply for the position and initially declined the nomination. He is currently on leave from Castle & Cooke. \* Mr. Ching has been nominated by the Governor to do one thing: increase efficiency and generate funding within the DLNR – in short, run the department more like a business. And yet, \* If Mr. Ching were applying for a top position in the private sector and knew as little about the corporation he wanted to lead as he admittedly does about the DLNR, there is no way he would be hired. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW HIM TO BE HIRED FOR THIS JOB!

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re: The confirmation hearing for GM 514, Carleton Ching ; Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 10:00 am, in conference room 229.

I will not be able to attend in person.

As a citizen of the State of Hawaii, I along with my brothers and sisters love the land and sea. The head of the department of land and natural resources should be someone with a history of preserving our natural resources. There are hundreds of environmentalists that fit this description, why are we picking someone whose history is developing, not preserving?

I recognize that there must be a balance of growth and preservation for a healthy economy, but the DLNR head should be the voice of preservation. There are plenty of well financed voices for growth in Hawaii.

Please deny the nomination of Carleton Ching.

Thank you,

Tom Wallace  
7203 Makaa St  
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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/27/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toni Symons	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I have many concerns about his qualifications and possible conflict of interests.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Toni Withington	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this nomination. DLNR desperately needs someone dedicated to protecting our natural and cultural resources. This man has massive conflicts of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tova	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Committee members, I oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching as the head of DLNR. There is nothing in the public discourse, nor in the comments from the Governor that suggest to me there is the experience or political leanings appropriate for managing our precious natural resources.  
Respectfully submitted, Tova Callender

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**Submitting for consideration in opposition to the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.**

I am genuinely concerned with the proposed appointment of Mr. Ching as head for the office of the DLNR. It appears to me that Mr. Ching's background is PRO development which does not correlate with the politically sensitive issues confronting the state. With a PRO-development background and very successful lobbyist history, I do not feel he is proper candidate to deal with the many issues for Hawaii's environment.

I do not feel he is competent to deal with issues facing Hawaiian ceded lands, protection of Hawaiian burial and other cultural rights, archaeological resources, conservation of lands from development, regulation of fishing and over-fishing, protection for our endangered species, declining coral reefs, the damaging sedimentation to our beach fronts due to coastal development, the extraction and exploitation of our marine life, managing of local harbors and so many more natural resources that are particular to our island home. And if not managed properly, by the right person/people will further decline to a point of extinction during my lifetime and for the next generation to come.

It is our responsibility to appoint people who are educated on the issues and support these protections, preservations and conservation efforts. We live on an island, in the middle of the pacific, with limited resources and if we do not look ahead and choose people who will fight to preserve our island lifestyle we face our own extinction as a people, as a culture. Do you want to see our Hawaii and all that is naturally beautiful disappear? Do you only want to see more concrete & asphalt with the random patch of green open space? If so, we had better start taking pictures now because we will see less green and more gray in the years to come.

**I humbly ask you to NOT confirm the appointment of Mr. Carleton Ching to the office of the DLNR.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Adams  
Concerned Citizen



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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tracy E Mills	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is not the right person for this position.

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March 9, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair

Senate Committee on Water and Land

415 S. Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Conference Room 229

Re: GM514 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Dear Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and members of the Water and Land Committee:

I am pleased to **support Governor's Message 514**, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, Carleton Ching.

Mr. Ching has a proven record of leadership and collaboration and an expressed desire to honor and manage Hawaii's most precious resources. His experience and background matched with his style and understanding of local and cultural contexts make him well-suited to fulfill the mission of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Tran Chinery

Hawaii Kai resident

March 9, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Conference Room 229

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Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

Tran Chinery  
Hawaii Kai resident

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
travis archer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: conflict of interest,

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Trevor Atkins	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching has a glaring conflict of interest. His appointment would erode the meaning of government and the line between the public and private sector. There are many more objective, qualified candidates for the position.

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March 10, 2015

Senator Laura Thielen  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water and Land  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hearing: Wednesday, 03-11-15 10:00AM in Conference Room 229.

**Re: GM514** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARLETON CHING, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

Chair Thielen, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

I am writing this letter because I have confidence that Carleton will make the right decisions for our precious assets in Hawaii. He was born and raised in Hawaii and I know that he will not jeopardize the unique natural, cultural and historic resources of Hawaii.

Carleton's resume is very impressive. I think that Hawaii will benefit from his vast experience in working for both the private corporation and State Government. It would be a shame to let this talent go to waste. I believe Carleton has the ability, experience, time and energy to be the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. He is a trustworthy and well respected individual and therefore, I strongly support his confirmation as the Chairperson of the Department of Land & Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to support Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Trinette P. Kau  
Wailua, Kauai, Hawaii

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Please say NO to Ching ~ we need protection, not development!

~ Troy Schacht  
6495 Makana Rd.  
Kapaa, HI 96746



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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/18/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Troy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We need protection for nature, not Ching!

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tulsi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose his appointment because it is a major conflict of interest. I am a registered voter and have lived here my entire life.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ty Tengan	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the nomination of Mr. Ching to chair DLNR as his history as a lobbyist puts him in direct conflict with duties of maintaining Hawaii's natural resources. Further, his background leaves him unqualified to competently serve as the State Historic Preservation Officer, which means our cultural resources and our iwi kupuna (ancestral remains) would be at risk. Please vote no on this nomination.

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Aloha Senators,

I strongly urge you to not confirm Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). DLNR is an extremely complex organization responsible for protecting our natural environment -- the beauty of our islands. Yet, his resume indicates no experience in managing natural resources or complex institutions.

Moreover, his volunteerism has supported organizations whose mission directly contradicts the mission and purpose of the department. His promises to abide by DLNR's mission fall short of addressing this concern, especially given Mr. Ching's lack of familiarity with the activities of the department.

I trust that you, Senators, will be objective in your assessment of this candidate and adhere to your responsibility to ensure that DLNR is led by a qualified and objective director.

Please help protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources by voting down Mr. Ching as nominee for Director of DLNR.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Uilani Stokes  
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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Usha Kotner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
valerie Lasciak	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/5/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Loh	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please DO NOT APPOINT Carleton Ching as Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. His appointment would be a CONFLICT OF INTEREST since he is in the coat pockets of profit-driven developers: "Ching served on the Building Industry of America's board, which sought to undermine the state Historic Preservation Division's authority over historic properties, a stance that could endangering many Native Hawaiian cultural sites. Ching was president of Land Use Research Foundation (LURF), which lobbied to establish the Public Land Development Corporation (PLDC); weaken environmental impact assessments; and against establishing an Environmental Court." Please choose a person who actually cares about our environment, and our future together in the State of Hawai'i, rather than someone whose main purpose is to make profits for a few, including himself, while disregarding the well-being of our environment and of our people. May you and your fellow legislators realize that if you vote for Mr. Ching, we will know that you are not truly acting in the best interests of Hawai'i. Please vote NAY on the appointment of Carleton Ching. Thank you.

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Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Valerie Weiss	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha. I ask that Carleton Ching not be approved as DLNR chair, as he has demonstrated long standing conflicts of interest with protection of our land, ocean and environment. Mahalo for your consideration.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Verna	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Person is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/9/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vernon Hinsvark	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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## TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

GM514 Confirmation of Carleton Ching

Senate Committee on Water and Land

Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 10 am Conference Room 229

Monday 3/09/2015

Dear Committee Members,

**ARTICLE XI, Section 1**, of our State Constitution (referenced below) requires that our natural resources be managed "in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State". For this reason alone, the Director of DLNR should be a person well versed in conservation. The final decision of the use of our lands should err on the side conservation.

This is not a position for "on the job" training as much damage can occur in a very short time. The Director of the DLNR should be fully aware of all of the responsibilities and operational challenges of the department before he/she is considered for the job. The experience of the director should be in conservation, not development. This is especially important in this time of great development pressure on the State from financial interests.

With all due respect to Governor Ige, Carleton Ching does not have the acquired experience to be the Director of DLNR. Carlton Ching needs to gain experience in conservation. Perhaps in Governor Ige's second term he could be considered.

Thank you for understanding the importance of the DLNR in preserving the natural resources of the State of Hawaii for future generations.

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## **HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI**

### **CONSERVATION, CONTROL AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES**

#### **CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES**

**Section 1. For the benefit of present and future generations, the State and its political subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural resources, including land, water, air, minerals and energy sources, and shall promote the development and utilization of these resources in a manner consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the self-sufficiency of the State.**

**All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people. [Add Const Con 1978 and election Nov 7, 1978]**

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Aloha,

I, Vernon Kalani Quiocho Jr., am a concerned citizen of Hawai'i nei, and I would like to express my extreme opposition towards Governor David Ige's nomination for Carleton Ching as Director of the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources (GM 514).

Mr. Ching is not qualified to serve for any of the following positions that this nomination applies to: Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Commission on Water Resource Management, head of the State Historic Preservation Division or the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Mr. Ching has not demonstrated expertise, professional or volunteer experience, or apparent interest in the protection and stewardship of Hawai'i's natural and cultural resources.

Mr. Ching's bias, as a Castle & Cooke employee, and his perspectives are not aligned with the DLNR mission to "Enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held in public trust for current and future generations of the people of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors."

Mr. Ching has spent many years working for large land development companies, lobbying for them, and serving on the boards of their lobbyist organizations. These organizations are committed to free enterprise, treating land and water as a commodity, and dismantling land use regulations and policies that protect the public interest and public trust.

Mr. Ching does not appear to have the enthusiasm and passion to lead the DLNR, which is what we urgently need and deserve at this critical time given climate change and the invasive species crises we face. Mr. Ching also did not apply for the position and initially declined the nomination.

Governor David Ige's nomination of Mr. Ching has resulted in conflicts of interest and will continue as matters, relating to land exchanges and development projects, are expected to be handled by DLNR, and it is inappropriate for Mr. Ching to lead the DLNR in all of these matters.

Mr. Ching's actions and deeds have betrayed the natural and cultural resources of Hawai'i. The land is a witness. Hawai'i will be a very different place in the next four years if Mr. Ching is allowed this position. The people of Hawai'i deserve better than this. Hawai'i deserves better than this.

Mahalo for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Aloha 'Aina,

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Cannon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is not the right person for this position. Victoria and Trudy Cannon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victoria Holloway	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly OPPOSE the nomination of Carleton Ching to chair the DLNR. He is exceedingly unqualified for this position. In addition, it would be a gross conflict of interest, a classic case of a revolving door between government and corporation, for Mr.Ching to take this position. We need strong, capable, qualified leadership as chair of DLNR to fulfill the mandate of the department and steward our public lands and resources with the public interest at the heart of all decision-making. As a Castle and Cooke lobbyist, VP for the Land Use Research Foundation (LURF) and Board Member for the Building Industry Association (BIA), Carleton Ching is not the man for this job. Thank you for opposing his nomination and working to find someone properly suited to this position.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
W. Ken Koike	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE the appointment of Carlton Ching to any position within the Department of Land & Natural Resources! With a track record of actually opposing, diminishing, and lobbying against the very agency he is now being considered to head, Carlton's nomination is simply ridiculous and absurd! Shame on Gov. Ige for either incompetence and not doing his homework or cowardly cow-towing to the special interests that got him elected. There is none of the openness, honesty or transparency Gov. Ige campaigned on to explain why he nominated Carlton in the first place. And by what isn't being said, it looks obvious that this nomination was decided well before David Ige became our governor and now he's just keeping his promise to his supporters at Castle & Cooke. Auwe! David campaigned on doing "the right thing" which we thought he meant being "pono" - not selling out to the developers and doing the "right thing" for the greedy Big-5! Please help restore our confidence in this government by correcting this error in judgment by our chief executive, for whatever reasons he had in this embarrassing nomination. And e kala mai to Carlton for all the problems this has caused him. Something tells me that... ...if Carlton Ching was truly an honorable man and nice guy, that he would have admitted that he is not qualified educationally nor qualified philosophically to protect Hawaii's natural resources. ...if Carlton Ching was truly an honest man, he would have withdrew his nomination and admitted his obvious bias toward the undermining of everything that DLNR represents and stands for during his entire career! ...if Charlton Ching was a noble man, he would have spared the governor the embarrassment this has caused his administration and the additional distrust toward our government that all this pilikia is creating. Shame on David, shame on Carlton, and shame on every Senator who is bought and paid for by Castle & Cooke who votes in support for Mr. Ching! Bring back William Aila to head the DLNR once again instead of his deputy director position at DHHL. And this time, give William the actual funds that he needed four years ago to do the job we asked of him. He deserves such credit for doing all the miracles he did accomplish on his shoe-string budget. Put someone who was already doing a fantastic job back where he can do the most good for the people of Hawaii. If not William Aila, than at least consider William Tam to head DLNR. Please look at the many examples of people speaking truth (with Aloha) to power (like developers) and defend "we the people" instead of taking their cut of the profits made at our expense. We have so many others who live pono and

share their Aloha with us by their service in our communities. With so many others to choose from, please DO NOT nominate the fox to guard the hen house. Please DO NOT nominate Carlton Ching to head DLNR. Your children and ours will be proud of you! Mahalo!

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wade Holmes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha.. I am writing to express my concern about Carleton Ching's nomination to chair the DLNR. He is unqualified for the position and there exists a very clear conflict of interest. Please do the right thing and reconsider this nomination. Wade Holmes Kihei, Maui

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is a good and decent man. He is qualified to lead DLNR. His experience as an advocate for a particular point of view in no way disqualifies him to impartially lead DLNR. Please do not give in to the politics of character assigation.

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Walter Rees	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this. There is a very clear conflict of interest here. This further undermines my confidence in both David Ige and our legislators that you would do this.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren Fritsch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Carleton Ching is unqualified and has a conflict of interest.

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Dear Chair Thielen,

Carleton will work for You.

As a concerned individual, I am requesting your support of GM 514, consideration and confirmation of Carleton Ching as Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your favorable vote is appreciated.

The DLNR is responsible for management of all state owned lands which is approximately 1.4 million of the total 4 million acres in the state and does not include all of the submerged lands within the State waters. DLNR is also responsible for management of the Conservation District which is comprised of approximately 1.9 million acres or roughly half of the land in the entire state.

These two areas of responsibility illustrate the need to have a responsible, balanced and transparent leadership in this department. As an owner of state lands, the DLNR is tasked with receiving the "highest and best" use of its lands in commercial operations. The DLNR must also weigh what uses could or should be allowed in the Conservation District through the Conservation District Use Application process. The focus here is not on the highest and best use but on protecting and conserving our natural resources.

We need diverse views when managing the State's natural and cultural resources; the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes most of the policy decisions for the Department with the Divisions and staff implementing those policies. The Chairperson of the DLNR oversees the proceedings of the Board, but only has one of the seven (7) votes on the Board.

The Chairperson of the DLNR has brought a wide range of experiences, perspectives, and personalities in managing the DLNR: Susumu Ono, William (Bill) Paty, Keith Ahue, Michael Wilson, Tim Johns, Gil Keith-Agaran, Peter Young, Laura Thielen, and William (Bill) Alia. They all managed the Department to the best of their abilities and dealt with the issues that came before them in a balanced and objective manner.

I see no difference in the experiences of the past DLNR Chairpersons and those of Mr. Ching. I believe he has the right temperament and intelligence to bring together contrasting views in seeking out the best decision for the Department. I strongly encourage your vote to confirm Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Sincerely,

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/20/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Warren M Osako	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly believe thta Carleton Ching is the wrong choice to head the State DLNR. The mission of the DLNR is to enhance, conserve, and manage Hawaii's unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources that are held in the public trust. Mr. Ching has no background in this area. He has been an employee of big compaiees and developers and an advocate for development, in most cases contrary to the mission of the DLNR. I urge you to not confirm the appointment of Mr. Ching to head the DLNR. Aloha, Warren Osako, Lanai City, Hawaii

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/21/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Arbeit	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose Carlton Ching's nomination. His past affiliations create a conflict of interest, making him uniquely UNqualified for the position. It is in the best interests of our state for you to reject this nomination.

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/23/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Kuntz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The proposed nominee is not a good fit. The current controversy over his appointment will result in a poor working environment. A nominee who can forge partnerships and move forward is much preferable.

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Dear Honorable Representatives.

With nothing against Mr Ching as a good person and his many achievements, please consider looking at his background and interests and consider rather appointing a man or woman whose qualifications, values, interests and passions are directed to the protection and preservation of our precious land and resources. His nomination does not make sense.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Wendy Mackintosh  
Kapaa, Kauai

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 2/22/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Raebeck	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is my official REVISED TESTIMONY. Please discard my first letter, submitted a few minutes ago—I made an error in the first paragraph there. I am strongly opposed to the nomination of Carleton Ching as Chairperson for the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources. His previous position as a real estate lobbyist for Castle and Cooke indicates a serious (shocking) conflict of interest. Nor is Mr. Ching a qualified candidate for said position. We seek someone with proven experience in Hawai'i's complex struggle to protect and preserve our limited land and beauty while simultaneously promoting the most sustainable agriculture possible. This means family farms, organic farms, and select local produce grown exclusively for Hawaiian consumption. There is no future otherwise. Carleton Ching, a land developer by profession, is not at all the person for this critical appointment. Mahalo for considering my sincere testimony. Wendy Raebeck

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**GM514**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wendy Roberts	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This is nothing personal, as I am sure Mr. Ching is a very good man. I am opposed to ever having someone who is a developer or a lobbyist for developer managing our delicate natural resources which have been preserved for valuable greenspace. Though not impossible, it is difficult to hold a viewpoint of preservation and management after working to change and develop land for years. I want the wild spaces on the island to be preserved far into the future.

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I am against Carleton Ching as DLNR head. His past work experience is a direct conflict to the job.

William Aoki

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**GM514**

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William Caron	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Testimony OPPOSING the nomination Carleton Ching to the Director of the DLNR (GM514)  
William Caron  
2/23/15

I strongly oppose the nomination of Carleton Ching to the DLNR. As a prominent lobbyist for developer Castle & Cooke, Ching would have a clear and strong conflict of interest in heading up the government agency charged with protecting our natural resources and stewarding the land. His nomination is a clear sign that development is king and we need a competent watchdog keeping development from getting out of control now more than ever. Ching would be the exact opposite of that.



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**GM514**

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William Chun	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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**GM514**

Submitted on: 3/4/2015

Testimony for WTL on Mar 11, 2015 10:00AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William K.Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank You Ms Thielen for allowing me to submit testimony. I support the nomination of Mr. Carlton Ching for DLNR Chairman. I feel that Mr. Ching has not shown that he will be biased towards land developers or other special interest groups and should be given a chance to do the job. I support his nomination. Aloha, Bill Chang Mililani resident 94-194 Anania Dr. #314 Mililani Hi 96789

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I am in Opposition to GM514 -- Nomination of Carleton Ching to DLNR. It would put someone with opposite interests in charge, and that would set back everything this Department stands for. Thank you.

William Peay  
Kauai Resident

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William W. Saunders, Jr.	Individual	Oppose	No

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**Testimony Regarding: GM 514**  
**The Proposed Confirmation of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair**

Dear Senators:

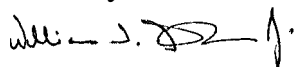
I am a lifelong Hawaii citizen and have been involved in environmental study and protection since the mid-1960's. We are at an important turning point locally and globally as climate changes, there is increased demand and competition for the planet's riches, food security grows tenuous and the richest 2% get richer as the lower 80% get poorer.

Please do not confirm Carleton Ching as the new DLNR Chairman. The job description should be to preserve and provide sensitive stewardship for our precious natural resources. We really need someone with a background that fits this job description -- not a developer's lobbyist. Past chairmen such as Mike Wilson and Bill Aila epitomize the model for the position -- people with a demonstrated commitment and passion for Aloha Aina.

While Mr. Ching may be a fine person, he does not possess the background, training, qualifications nor demonstrated personal commitment to protect our land and natural resources from pollution, exploitation and unwise development. Rather, his record is promoting the development of important agricultural lands.

Please do not capitulate to this "Big 5" appointment. We are long past that era where government should allow a corporate mentality to drive the misuse of Hawaii's precious natural resources.

Thank you,



William W. Saunders, Jr.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Williamson Chang	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am definitely opposed to the nomination and confirmation of Carleton Ching as the next head of the DLNR. As representing Castle and Cooke, a developer for all of his life, he lacks the skills, training, and viewpoint to perform the job allocate to DLNR--protection of the public trust of Hawaii's Natural Resources. He admits to knowing nothing about water right despite the fact that he will be Chair of the State Water Commission--that is enough to disqualify him. But with so many other good candidates it is unthinkable that he would be put forward. His confirmation will be an extremely dark day for Hawaii. Williamson Chang, Professor of Law, University of Hawaii for the past 39 years.

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February 26, 2015

Senator Laura H. Thielen  
Chair  
Water and Land Senate Committee

Subject: Confirmation of Carleton Ching  
Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Senator Thielen,

I am writing this letter to support of the confirmation of Carleton Ching as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

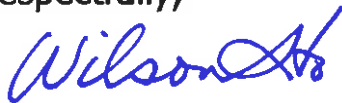
For those who oppose him, I have to wonder how many actually know, or, have taken the time to check on who Mr. Ching actually is. Before taking their opposing views, in the course of three days, many have probably not even seen his resume or his work history and just judged him on the position he holds with Castle and Cooke Hawaii. Many also may not know he is a highly results-oriented leader in his past work history. Because of the short period between nomination and opposition, it gives me the impression that most have just "jumped on the bandwagon", to join the opposition.

No one addresses his character, or, the type of person he really is. I support him because I know he is Trustworthy and a man of high Integrity. His resume indicates that he has been successful in the previous positions he has held.

He has promised to stick to the DLNR Law and mission as its Chair. He will be able to rely on his career experiences in land management and stewardship, and, work with all of the current administrative experts and staff in this State department.

I again state my 110% support of Mr. Ching's nomination as the Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Respectfully,



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yoav	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose to this !

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Yoshio Akaha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha dear members of the committee, I stand in strong opposition to the confirmation of Carleton Ching as DLNR Chair. I cannot imagine a worse candidate. He has a track record of fighting for unrestricted development and he has shown an astounding ignorance of the major issues that DLNR faces. Governor Ige's mistake, appointing Mr. Ching, should be corrected in this hearing. On behalf of this outdoorsman and all who love this Aina, please DO NOT CONFIRM Carleton Ching. Mahalo, Yoshio Akaha

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